

**DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADMINISTRATION  
COORDINATION OF COMMUNITY SERVICES  
PROVIDER INFORMATION**

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<b>WHAT IS YOUR PHILOSOPHY IN PROVIDING SERVICES?</b>	
The program adheres to the value that all persons with developmental disabilities have the same rights as any citizen and have the right to access services and programs available to other members in the community. Planning will revolve around the individual's needs, preferences, and choice of providers. Services should be provided in the most integrated setting and the resource coordinator will assist in the process. The resource coordinator will act as an agent of the person.	
<b>HOW LONG HAS YOUR AGENCY BEEN PROVIDING COORDINATION OF COMMUNITY SERVICES IN MARYLAND?</b>	
The Developmental Disabilities Program at the Calvert County Health Department was established in 1984. The organizational placement of this program in the Health Department provides the opportunity for oversight by a governmental agency and enables the program to be a strong advocate for individuals with developmental disabilities.	
<b>HOW IS YOUR AGENCY DIFFERENT FROM OTHERS?</b>	
Being a small rural county has allowed this program to be a visible and viable public resource as well as the link to DDA. The resource coordinators not only know individuals/families on their caseload, but are able to become familiar with all consumers and are able to assist as needed if their assigned coordinator is not available. Staff is familiar with the county and its resources and participate in a variety of committees to remain updated on resources and provide a community presence representing individuals with developmental disabilities.	
<b>WHAT MARYLAND COUNTIES DO YOU SERVE?</b>	
Calvert County	
<b>WHAT AREAS OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES DO YOU HAVE SPECIALISTS IN?</b>	
As State employees; staff meet the required bachelor degree educational requirement, have a combined total of over 20 years of experience, and the program manager has been in her position for 12 years. Staff participates in DDA and other continuing education training to maintain and improve their knowledge base and skills. Staff of this program bring stability and familiarity with individuals, families, DDA providers, and community agencies.	
<b>HOW DO YOU MATCH INDIVIDUALS WITH COORDINATORS?</b>	
Individuals are assigned to a coordinator based on caseload capacity and adjustments made as necessary by the supervisor. Requests by individuals/families for a specific coordinator will be accommodated when possible. Individuals are advised yearly that their participation in resource coordination services is voluntary.	
<b>DO YOU PROVIDE REFERENCES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND FAMILIES TO CONTACT? IF SO, HOW DO I ACCESS?</b>	
Being part of a governmental agency, references are not solicited regarding this program.	